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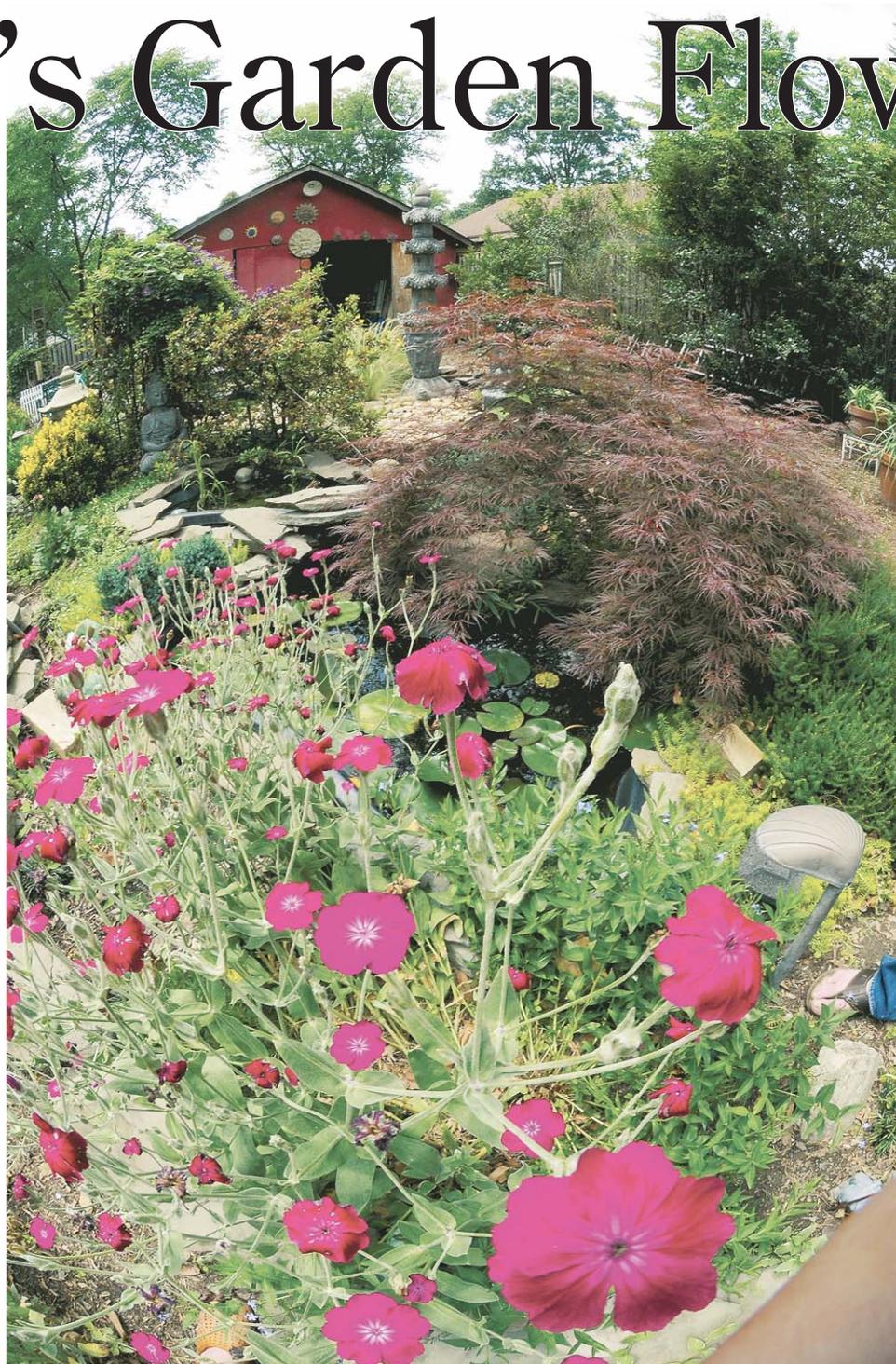
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When he is not seeing that the coffee at his Arlington shop is brewed to perfection, Java Shack owner Dale Roberts may be found with a trowel in hand working in his garden off Washington Boulevard.

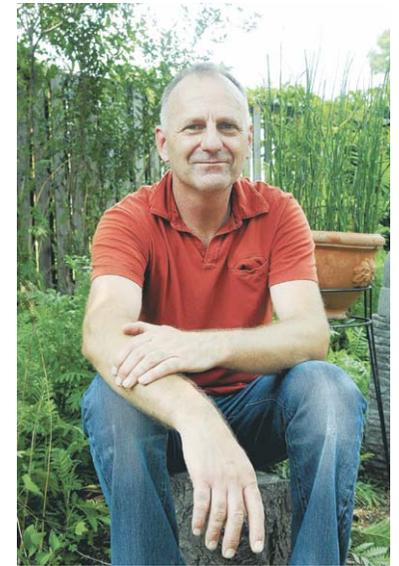
Roberts moved into the 1910 Bungalow in 2001. Stepping out into the yard, he envisioned a garden with many rooms. Beginning with the patio, Roberts replaced the old structure and began designing the garden behind it. A lily pond was dug and terraced with flowers and plants that he remembers growing up with. Mixed with memories, a butterfly garden was introduced.

Amidst the flora sits a laughing Buddha, one of many that Roberts has collected or received as a gift over the years. The garden is now home to over a dozen carved and cast figures.

Roberts's garden was given the "Backyard Wildlife Habita" plaque by the National Wildlife Federation. See www.javashack.com.



Flowers from his mother's gardens rises to the sunlight at the edge of the pond.

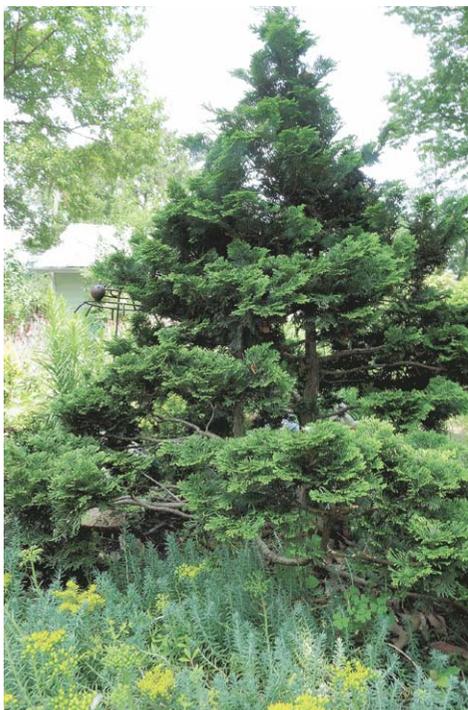


Dale Roberts relaxing for a moment in his garden.

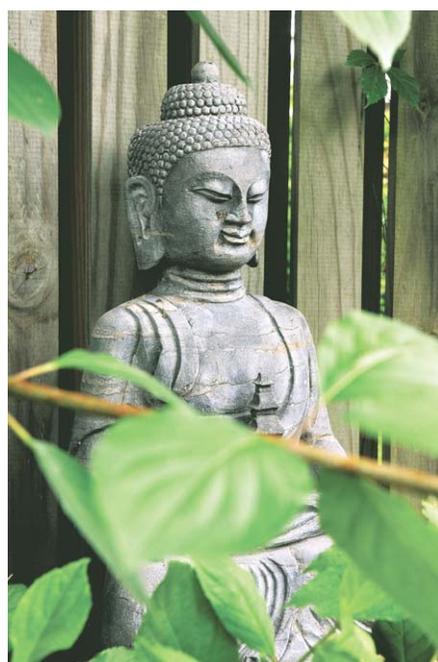


Flowers spring up.

Roots in Coffee



An evergreen anchors a corner of the pond flora.



A Buddha sits in the shade.



A laughing Buddha sits at the edge of the lily pond.



Another of the many Buddhas Roberts has collected over the years

Guest House Addition for Daughter in Med School

All in the Family

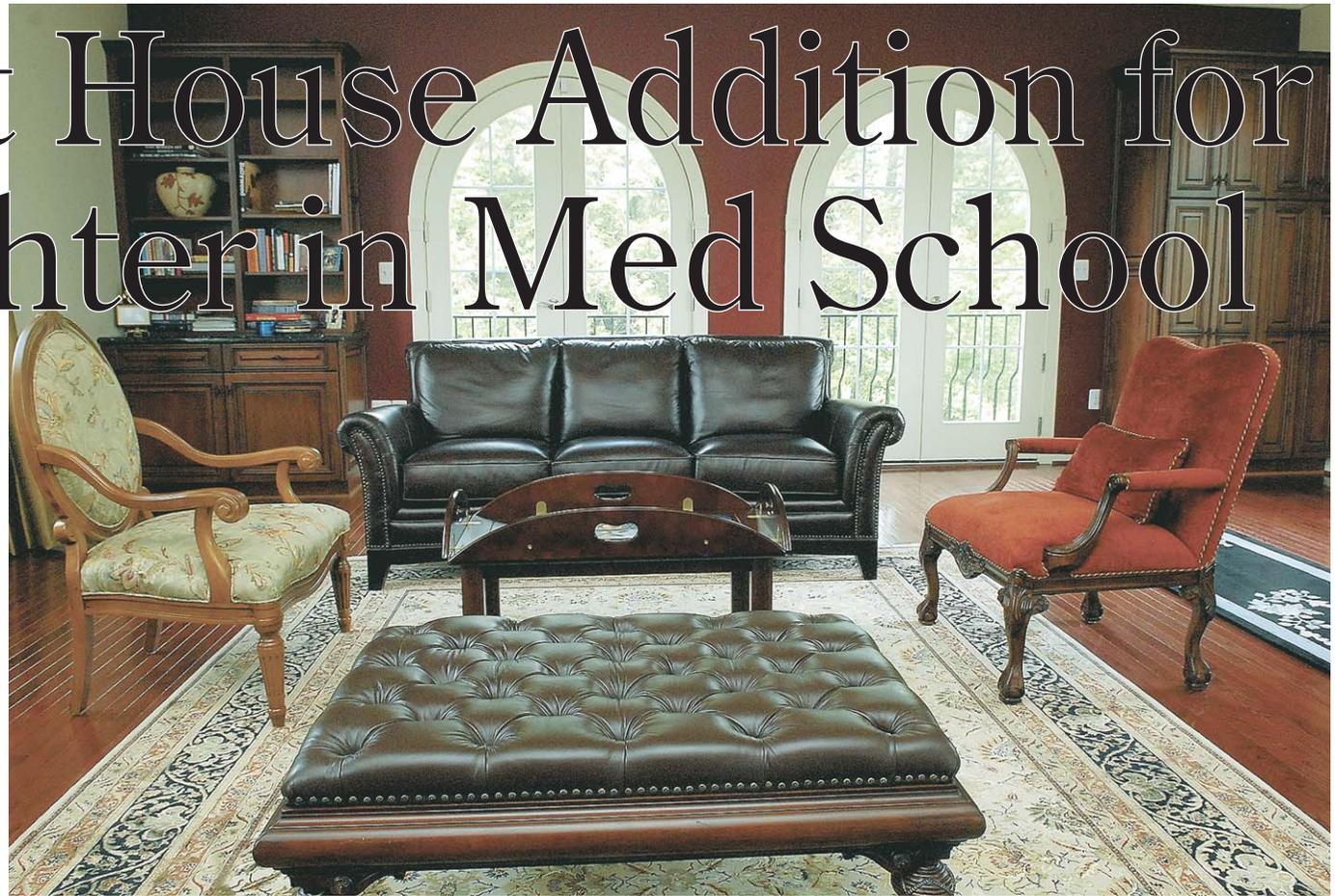
BY JOHN BYRD

Vijay and Sayeeda Chaudry have been quietly ensconced in their spacious Mediterranean-style home for almost 20 years, so deciding to add guest quarters over the garage in time for their daughter's wedding presented a distinct change of pace for an otherwise relaxed household.

"We wanted an apartment my daughter and son-law could live in while she was finishing medical school," Sayeeda Chaudry said. "But we were also having the wedding at the house, so everything needed to be guest-ready in about six months."

Given the architectural challenges and the tight timeline, Sayeeda said she was pleased with the results, which also won Michael Nash Kitchens and Homes a "Contractor of the Year" award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Among many visible merits, the top-level addition to the Chaudry's L-shaped home is perfectly reconciled with the ornate existing facade. The design marries engineering and infrastructure solutions with well-articulated elevations and an interior scheme that is architecturally appropriate, highly functional and warmly inviting. The new suite also provides the privacy of a separate residence. The new elevation repeats the arch-and-



The living area of the guest suite with French doors that open out above the pool deck.



The guest suite at the Chaudry residence.

column design motif framing the front door by introducing paired gables, each featuring stilted arch windows and Tuscan columns.

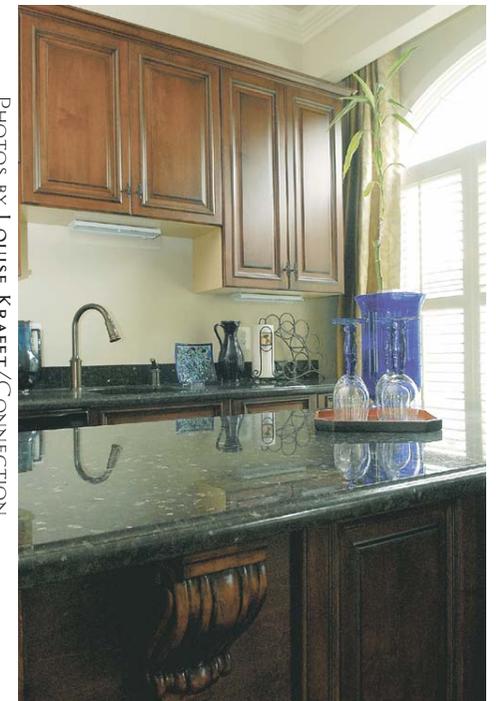
The apartment's interior extends several front elevation design elements — most notably the arches and columns, which are used to delineate the living area from the sleeping quarters in an otherwise open floorplan. Ascending 12 feet



The master bath with walls of marble.

each, a pair of tray ceilings with recessed lights help distinguish the apartment's two primary chambers. Cherry wood built-ins, crown-molding, French doors and Adam-style window and door frames provide formal accents.

The luxury master bath features warmly hued marble walls and floors, granite countertops and a large frameless shower. The space



A small kitchen area with a dining bar.

was also designed to accommodate a stacked washer and dryer.

One enters the new apartment from a glass door that accesses a five-by-six foot foyer finished in *rojo allacante* marble. Wood stairs with forged iron railings climb to the apartment — or you can choose an alternate foyer door to the main house — privacy elegantly maintained in either case.

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The Art of Garden Architecture

BY MIKE DICICCO

The Great Falls home of Charles and Betsy Owen is spacious and classical, but a mansion of another sort surrounds the house, one comprising a maze of “rooms” created by walls of vegetation and changes in altitude.

In each “room” of Domaine St. Charles, as the garden is called, a variety of attractions draw the eye, from the little flowers hardy enough to be stepped on that are planted between cobblestones to a pair of sphinxes to the classical fountain statue visible through a passage into the next “room.”

“A view transcends from

one garden room to the next,” Charles Owen said. The key is “integration between architecture and garden art.”

“The idea is to trick the eye into thinking the space is larger than it is,” he said. Indeed, the two-and-a-half acre property can be daunting for the navigationally challenged.

Rounding a corner on a stone staircase, one comes upon a volleyball court — the Owens’ daughter plays on a team. Further along is a semicircular stacked-stone pool accompanied by a built-in Jacuzzi and a pavilion.

Nearby is a bocce ball court and what Owen calls the “tree house,” a tower that commands a view of the garden.

Having grown up in Paris and Madrid, Owen said he was trained in the classical arts as a child, and his father taught him about gardening.

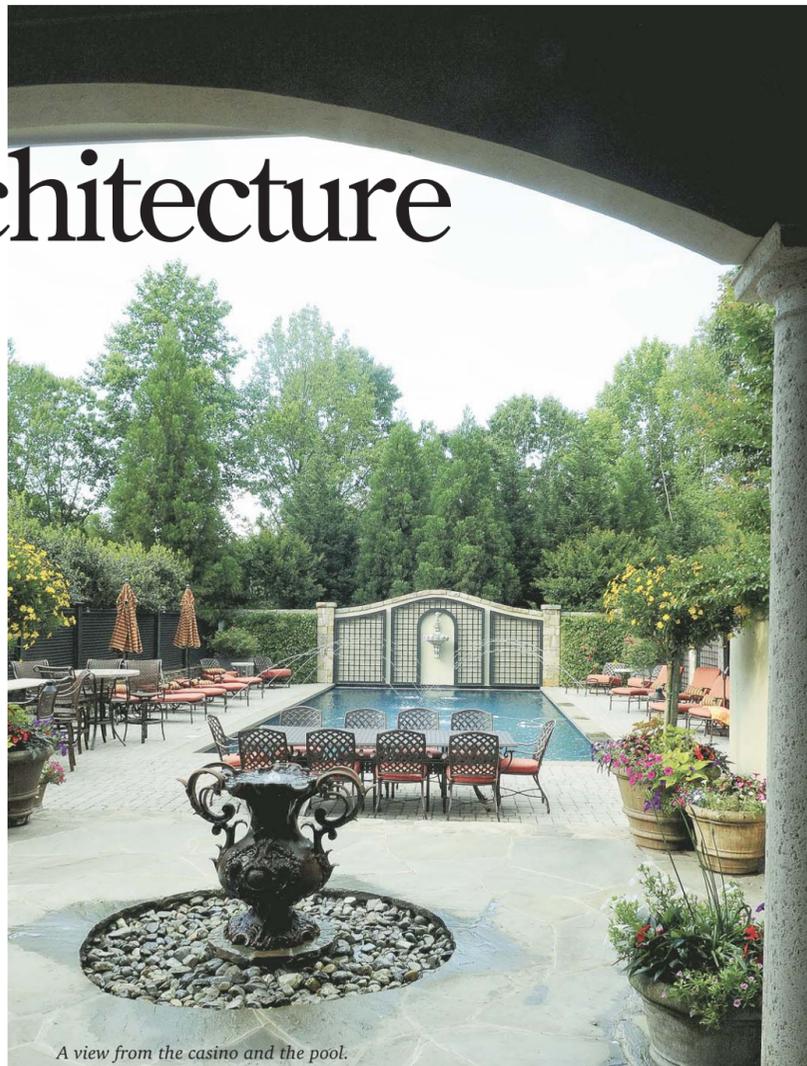
“I always say I bring a French influence to the American landscape,” he said. Owen said he tried to “bring together formal garden structure with Cotswold whimsy.”

The garden includes six water features, from classical fountains to a natural stream. “The water feature is another key thing because I’m on busy street so the sound of the water helps to dim the sound of traffic,” Owen said. He lives off Georgetown Pike.

Owen’s company, Fine Landscapes Ltd., and his shop, Maison et Jardin, provide the sort of furnishings, garden ornaments, plantings, cabanas, pools and other supplies that he used to build his garden.



Charles Owen in the garden with an empire styled garden sphinx.



A view from the casino and the pool.



The long view to the garden temple.

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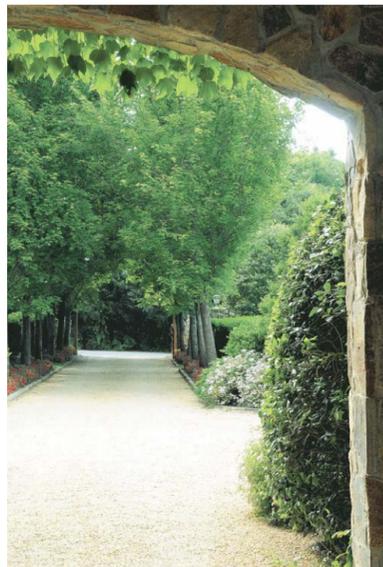


“A little getaway” for a young daughter is set back in the garden.

In the Garden



A hedge of roses frames a back courtyard.



Wrought iron grills embellish the windows of the casino.



French antique doors open onto a patio.



The Four Seasons adorn a green, enclosed by a hedge of boxwood.



A pair of French garden urns at the gates of the garden.



Boston Ivy climbs the front entry to Domaine St. Charles



A view to the north.

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- ❖ 7724 Georgetown Pike (a 9BR, 12 FB, 5 HB) detached home on 5.01 acres in Rivinus sold for \$7,850,000 on May 08, 2009
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